

# **EXHIBIT**

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**DECLARATION OF TINA M. DEL BECCARO  
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1746**

I, Tina Del Beccaro, hereby state that I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. If called as a witness, I could and would testify as follows:

1. I am a U.S. citizen over the age of 18.
2. I am employed by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") as an Information Technology Specialist for the Division of Planning & Information in the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Washington, D.C. office. I have more than 10 years of working experience in the computer field. My business address is FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room H-285, Washington, D.C. 20580.
3. As an Information Technology Specialist at the FTC, my duties include, but are not limited to, providing computer support to FTC attorneys and FTC investigators on Internet and computer-related matters, and maintaining the FTC Internet Lab at the FTC's Washington, D.C. headquarters.
4. In October 2008, I was requested to provide Investigator Sheryl Drexler with a clean "virtual computer." The FTC utilizes a program called VMWare to create virtual computers, which can be accessed through any of the computers within the FTC's Internet Lab that are equipped with the VMWare software interface. Because virtual computers are housed on an FTC server, and not on the local computers in the FTC Internet Lab, they can be infected with malicious programs without infecting the local computer. Moreover, once virtual machines are infected, they can easily be reset to their previously "clean" state.
8. I created a virtual computer for Investigator Drexler that utilized a version of the

Windows XP Professional Operating System that has not been updated with any security patches or other Microsoft updates. This virtual computer included, among other programs, Lavasoft's Ad-Aware SE, HijackThis, and Norton AntiVirus.

I state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and accurate.

Date: 10/28/08

  
Tina M. Del Beccaro